

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed October 16, 2007 has been reviewed and the comments therein were carefully considered by the Applicant. Claims 18-35 are currently pending. Claims 18-20, 22-24, 26-28, 31-35 stand rejected. Claims 21, 25, 29 and 30 are objected to. Claims 18-20, 22-24, 26-28, and 31-35 have been cancelled. Claims 21, 25, and 29 have been rewritten in independent form. No new matter has been added.

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC §103

Claims 18, 23, 26-28, 35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tajima, et al. (US 5,909,184) in view of Jones, et al. (US 6,553,013). Claims 19, 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tajima, et al. (US 5,909,184) in view of Jones, et al. (6,553,013) further in view of Kim (US 6,597,918). Claim 20 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tajima, et al. (US 5,909,184) in view of Jones, et al. (US 6,553,013), Kim (US 6,597,918) further in view of Gupte, et al. (US 2002/0055350). Claim 22 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tajima, et al. (US 5,909,184) in view of Jones, et al. (6,553,013) further in view of Park (US 6,408,188). Claims 31, 32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tajima, et al. (US 5,909,184) in view of Jones, et al. (6,553,013) further in view of Villa-Real (US 4,481,382). Claims 33, 34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tajima, et al. (US 5,909,184) in view of Jones, et al. (US 6,553,013) further in view of Williamson (US 2003/0083028).

In the current response, claims 18-20, 22-24, 26-28, and 31-35 have been cancelled. Therefore the rejections of these claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103 are rendered moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

Examiner objected to claims 21, 25, 29, and 30 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for identifying the allowable subject matter. Claims 21, 25, and 29 have been rewritten in independent form as suggested by the Examiner. Some minor amendments have been made to each of the amended claims (21, 25, and 29) to further clarify the invention. Applicants believe

that the amended claims are allowable for at least the reasons indicated by the Examiner. Applicants respectfully submit that claim 30 depends from claim 29, and is therefore allowable because independent claim 29 is in condition for allowance.

Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned should it be deemed necessary to facilitate prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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